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NOTICE.

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SEASON 1889-1890.

WE have just received our New Season's imports direct from the best Growers in England, France, and Germany, and are now prepared to execute all orders received for same with prompt and careful attention.

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for ordering from (containing hints for gardeners) will be sent post free on application.

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WE GUARANTEE

That all seeds sold by us shall prove to be as represented, to the extent that they do not so, we will replace them or send other seeds to the same value. But we cannot guarantee the crop any further than the above offer, as there are so many causes which operate unfavourably in the germination of seeds in a tropical climate, over which we have no control. Among the causes of failure may be mentioned unfavourable weather, which is one of the most important. The soil may be in proper condition when the seed is planted, but the weather which follows may be too wet, which will cause the seed to rot; or it may be too hot and dry, which destroys the germ before it shows itself. The soil may also be unfavourable for the variety of seed planted. And lastly, the seeds may be and are frequently destroyed by vermin of various kinds. Such occurrences are beyond the power of man to prevent, and for which we cannot be responsible.

Hong Kong, 2nd September, 1889.

PATENT DESSICATING DRYING BOTTLES.

We beg to call special attention to our New PATENT DRYING BOTTLES which have been specially designed and manufactured for us.

By the use of these Bottles, CIGARS, SEEDS, and GOODS of all kinds, which are susceptible to the destroying influences of moisture can be kept in good and perfect condition.

Wherever or wherever the atmosphere is surcharged with moisture these Bottles will be found invaluable.

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THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY.

Hong Kong, 2nd September, 1889. [1-18]

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Correspondents are requested to forward their name and address with communications addressed to the Editor, not for publication, but as evidence of good will.

All letters for publication should be written on one side of the paper only.

Advertisements and Subscriptions which are not ordered for a fixed period will be continued until countermanded.

Orders for extra copies of the Daily Press should be sent before 11 a.m. on the day of publication. After that hour the supply is limited.

TELEPHONE NO. 12.

BIRTHS. At Chefoo, on the 13th October, the wife of ARTHUR STONE, of the 1st M. Cavalry, a son.

At Hong Kong, on the 14th October, the wife of J. H. O'KEELEY, a son.

MARRIAGE. On the 12th Instant at the Roman Catholic Church, St. Peter's, Canton, Dr. WALTER VINEYARD BUNNAPAN, Constance Denyer of Hong Kong, to NATHAL ANGOLINE, second daughter of the late Luigi Tassolini, Milan, Italy.

On the 14th September at Copenhagen, CHRISTIAN ADELIN SCHØDT, Captain in the Danish Government, Straits Battalions, elder son of the late Colonel Schødt, Danish Army. Greatly and sincerely regretted.

The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, OCTOBER 24TH, 1889.

A MEDICAL School for the Sino-Siamese is to be established at Singapore, as a Government institution. A modest vote of £2,400 is asked for this purpose—in the Estimates for 1890, this being the estimated amount of the expenses for the three months the school will open during next year, for it is not expected that work can be commenced before October. The scheme is sketched out in a memorandum by Dr. SIMON, Principal Civil Medical Officer. A Medical School, Dr. Simon says, may be founded in one of two ways:—(a)—As a school to supply merely local wants, and to produce men qualified to supply these wants and nothing more; or (b)—As a school of a higher order, which should commence in a small way possibly at first, but on bigger lines, to educate men in such a manner that the education they may receive shall be accepted as part, and subsequently it is to be hoped as the whole, of the curriculum required to admit them to examination by examining bodies in Ceylon, Madras, or Great Britain. Dr. Simon thinks it would be better to begin at once on the second or higher platform, but according to his scheme the course of study would not be completed locally. He points out that a course of medical instruction extends over four years in Great Britain and Madras, and over five years in Ceylon. In all places the first two years are chiefly spent in acquiring a knowledge of Anatomy, Physiology, Chemistry, Botany, and Materia Medica, and at the end of these two years students pass their first professional examination in these subjects. The remaining two or three years are chiefly occupied in learning the ostensible subjects of the profession—medicine, surgery, &c., and at the end of them the student passes his final examination and becomes a qualified practitioner. The course of study for the first two years is, Dr. Simon thinks, all that could at present be attempted at Singapore, and he advises that a commencement be made with that arrangement being made with the institutions at Madras or Ceylon to receive the students as third-year students at the end of that time. In Ceylon the Medical School was opened with stipendiary students, and it is anticipated that in the Straits it will be necessary in most cases for the Government to make some allowance to students, who in return will be expected to enter into engagements to serve the Government for a term of years. The immediate motive of the

scheme, it should be explained, is economy, and a similar scheme is introduced for a similar reason in another branch of the Public Service, namely the Survey Department. Sir CECIL SMITH, in his speech introducing the Estimates, said:—"The policy involved in such schemes are, I feel confident, not only be justified as promoting the general welfare of this resident population of the Colony, but on the ground of economy, when consideration is given to the demand for such skilled labour both in the Colony and the Native States, which can even now only be supplied at considerable cost and in insufficient quantity." It is hoped that students will also present themselves at the Medical School who are able and willing to pay for their education, and such students when qualified will be at liberty to practise their profession in any way they may like and will be under no obligation to Government; but the main object of the scheme is to provide men for the Government Service at a cheaper rate than that at which they can be procured under existing circumstances. The scheme, however, will necessarily have a good effect in attracting students of foreign medicines from among the native population, thereby assisting the diffusion of more enlightened views on the subject of the human body and its treatment. The Straits Government is, therefore, heartily to be congratulated on the step it has taken. The Free Press remarks that "as compared with the Medical School at Hong Kong with its large staff of lecturers and its twenty-three branches of study, the beginning of direct shipment and direct payment is afforded by the subsidised German steamers and the Deutsche Reichsbahn, and the State Railways. It may be mentioned that the German steamers have been heard of late years, resuming their navigation in the quality of Chinese tea have been without effect upon the Chinese tea planters. The decline in the demand, backed up by warnings of the Government, has induced them to devote greater attention to the cultivation of the article, and this would represent for the wholesale trade £25 to 270 mks. the half kilo, and to the retail trade, inclusive of duty, from £4 to 5 mks. If tea were cheapened in this manner, in all probability would lead to great increase in German consumption, and this is a large market, with which the German steamers will have access to wider circles of the public. 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if you can find security for appearance for examination.

Mr. Hastings.—Certainly. The bankrupt has no intention of going out of the Colony.

Mr. Hastings.—What is the amount of the bill of exchange?

Mr. Hastings.—\$550.

His Lordship.—Well, if you find security to that amount for his appearance, I think I can grant protection until the examination is over.

Mr. Webster.—There are other debts which are not scheduled.

His Lordship.—You cannot expect him to settle all his liabilities.

Mr. Webster.—I think the security ought to be \$1,000.

Mr. Hastings.—It will be as much as he can do to get \$500.

Mr. Webster.—Why I ask that is because he obtained a large amount on promissory notes.

Mr. Hastings.—The only reason for Mr. Webster's application is that there is one promissory note for \$300 and he wants to get preference.

Mr. Webster.—I beg your pardon, I—

His Lordship.—Great protection on security of \$550.

IN THE MATTER OF SORACARE RUFUSMIRE.

Mr. Webster.—I appeal to the petitioning creditor, and inasmuch as there has been an execution under a bill of sale and the property has been seized under the following passages:

"The Right Honourable Col. Calouste writes—"

"Ninety-nine out of every hundred cases of desertion in the East are caused by the barelessness of the lives the men are called upon to lead on some of the ships."

"A foreign port that the evil abides of the service are exhibited in their worst form." The Right Honourable wrote a young seaman to a British friend in the Pacific Ocean. A letter was sent to the Lord Chancellor, to demand the return of the Missions to Seamen, or the "Red Cross," Midlandshire, and especially a lad in Liverpool named (say) Charlie Moore. His mother, whom I know very slightly, is very anxious about her son, for his surroundings appear to be unusually evil. He writes to her that the ship is at sea and has taken off from religion from year's end to year's end. The sailors tried to improve matters, but their efforts were promptly stopped. The ship was last heard of in Liverpool. Charlie Moore is believed to be a good boy, with gentle birth, but his mother is in a friendless condition.

"The fruitful source of discontent and discontent, of ill-treatment and disobedience, of moral and physical misery to seamen, and of disgrace to Presidents, Admiralty and to the British Colonies. Merchant seafarers and officers in Hongkong Harbours have recently petitioned the Governor, pointing out their own helplessness to resist Sunday work and all its decadence, without some general enactment equally binding on all ships of all nations using that port. The Sea Captain for Hongkong Harbours in connection with the Missions to Seamen, understands that the Government gave a general order in public opinion, the power of compulsion is on the evil side, and Sunday work afloat with all its miseries still continues."

"Where revenue dues are payable, cargoes cannot be discharged or embarked in the absence of a Customs officer, and as the Customs House is closed on Sundays, no vessel cannot so easily go to unnecessary and hazardous anchorages with the carcass on the Day of Rest for sailors."

"Mr. Webster.—Yes, but then he would be arrested. There is an execution against him."

His Lordship.—That was to secure immunity from arrest.

Mr. Webster.—He wishes to come back, and it does the reason of our asking for protection, for our own benefit, not for his.

His Lordship.—I should be glad to hear any objection.

Mr. Webster.—I don't think there is any objection. The creditors would be only too glad if he came back and gave up what property he has got.

His Lordship.—I think we had better wait till the end of the fifteen days.

Mr. Webster.—Then the property will be sold. Will your Lordship order the property not to be sold?

His Lordship.—You can apply for an injunction if you think right. Don't you think he had better come back, and then apply for protection? (A laugh.)

Mr. Webster.—Yes, but then he would be arrested. There is an execution against him.

His Lordship said he did not like to go out of the usual course.

Mr. Webster asked his Lordship if he would grant protection on Monday.

His Lordship said that very likely he would grant protection under the usual peculiar circumstances of the case, and in the absence of opposition. He asked what the usual course.

Mr. Webster said there had been no opposition.

That was the reason they wanted him to come back, to get particulars of the property.

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